

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	54036	Agenda Number	28.
Meeting Date:	February 4, 2016			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Approve ratification of a contract with ABB, INC., for the purchase and installation of human machine interface displays and power supply units to replace defective units at Austin Energy's Fiesta Substation, in an amount not to exceed \$86,765.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.				
Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is attached.				
Purchasing Language:	Critical Business Need			
Prior Council Action:	[REDACTED]			
For More Information:	Darralyn N. Johnson, Buyer II, 512-505-7293			
Boards and Commission Action:	January 25, 2016 - Recommended by the Electric Utilities Commission on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Osborne and Mahmood absent.			
Related Items:	[REDACTED]			
MBE / WBE:	This ratification is exempt from City Code Chapter 2-9C Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program.			

Additional Backup Information

The contract is for the purchase of human machine interface displays, associated power supplies, and on-site services to replace failed equipment and verify operation at Austin Energy's Fiesta Substation. This contract is necessary to restore communication from Austin Energy's System Control Center to the Fiesta Substation.

In November 2015, Austin Energy's System Control Center lost communications, including supervisory control to the substation, due to an equipment failure within the substation. The equipment allows control of critical, high-voltage functions at the substation. The failure necessitated immediate replacement of the equipment to address safety and operational issues including on-site support from the equipment manufacturer, ABB, Inc., to restore vital functions. Therefore, in accordance with Senate Bill 7, as adopted by the City as Resolution No. 040610-02, Austin Energy designated this purchase as a Critical Business Need to be procured immediately and brought to Council for ratification.